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FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

TO: AMBASSADOR WATSON, U.S. EMBASSY, PARIS

AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WANT TO CONVEY THE SUBSTANCE OF
THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT DECISIONS CONCERNING MILITARY COOPERATION
WITH FRANCE TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU PERSONALLY OR THE ELYSEE
AS OUTLINED IN NSDMS [REDACTED] 104. [REDACTED]

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YOU MAY NOTE THAT THESE DECISIONS RECEIVED THE PRESIDENT'S
PERSONAL ATTENTION, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES THEY ARE
CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT OF HIS [REDACTED] TALKS WITH POMPIDOU
DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT LAST YEAR. THE FRENCH WILL BE
INFORMED [REDACTED] AND DEFENSE MAY ALREADY
HAVE PASSED ON SOME OF THIS THROUGH ITS CONTACTS.

WHILE IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO LIFT ALL RESTRICTIONS ON THE
EXPORT OF COMPUTERS BECAUSE OF LEGAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTER-
NATIONAL TREATIES, ESPECIALLY THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY,
THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THE DECISION WILL BE TO MAKE CERTAIN
MORE ADVANCED MODELS AVAILABLE TO FRANCE WITHOUT ANY CONDITIONS.
IF YOU WISH TO TAKE UP THIS SUBJECT, YOU COULD SAY THAT WE
REGRET THE LONG DELAY IN REACHING THIS DECISION, BUT THAT A
CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF WORK WAS REQUIRED IN EVALUATING CURRENT
AND FUTURE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND IN EXAMINING OUR LEGAL
OBLIGATIONS. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT FOR NOW THE KIND
OF ASSISTANCE WE CAN OFFER IN THE MISSILE FIELD WILL BE LIMITED
BY SECURITY REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN
OF OUR OWN WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

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